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SELECTING A SERVICE BINDING : 2455 South Road, Mail Station P386

PROTOCOL IN A SERVICE-ORIENTED : Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office action of May 16, 2007, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.